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JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**COMMITTEE BRIEF
2023–2024 INTERIM
FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

This brief provides information on the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, including an overview of the Committee's responsibilities, past Committee action, relevant publications and reports, meeting dates, and Committee staff contact information.

MEMBERS

The following Legislators have been appointed to the Committee:

- Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair;
- Assemblywoman Erica Mosca, Vice Chair;
- Senator Skip Daly;
- Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert;
- Assemblywoman Jill Dickman;
- Assemblywoman Cecelia González;
- Assemblyman Brian Hibbetts; and
- Assemblywoman Brittney Miller.

The following Legislators will serve as alternates:

- Senator Lisa Krasner;
- Senator Roberta Lange;
- Assemblyman Rich DeLong;
- Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva; and
- Assemblyman Steve Yeager.

2023–2024 MEETING DATES

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections will plan to meet on the following dates, subject to change:

- February 22, 2024;
- March 22, 2024;
- April 19, 2024;
- May 10, 2024; and
- August 9, 2024 (work session).

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) [218E.320](#) creates the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. The Committee has jurisdiction over issues that fall under the purview of the Senate and Assembly standing Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections, such as elections, ethics, legislative business, lobbying, campaign finance, and certain State personnel matters (NRS [218E.330](#)).

In addition, NRS [218E.330](#) authorizes the Committee to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing, including, without limitation, recommendations submitted to the Committee by the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing pursuant to NRS [332.215](#).

The Committee may request up to ten bill draft requests (BDRs) for the 2025 Legislative Session that address issues related to legislative operations and elections. Staff will assist in coordinating the submittal of any BDRs to the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) on or before the September 1 deadline. In addition to BDRs, the Committee may vote to direct staff to draft letters to relevant stakeholders and to include policy statements in the final Committee report, or bulletin.

PAST COMMITTEE ACTION

At the conclusion of the 2021–2022 Interim, the Committee approved four recommendations for BDRs to be considered by the 2023 Legislature:

BDR	Summary	Bill	Status
24-363	Revises provisions relating to mechanical voting machines and mechanical recording devices.	SB 215	Failed
24-364	Establishes provisions relating to elections.	SB 216	Enacted
24-365	Revises provisions relating to elections.	AB 242	Vetoed
17-366	Revises provisions relating to legislative affairs.	AB 243	Vetoed

The Committee also authorized the Chair to send letters to Nevada’s county clerks, the Secretary of State, and the Nevada Indian Commission to bring awareness to certain statutes and to provide for increased compliance with existing State law. Such letters were related to the use of voting machines and tribal identification cards in elections.

[Bulletin 23-9: Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections](#) provides a summary of the work of the Committee during the 2021–2022 Interim and is available from the LCB’s website.

RELEVANT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

A variety of reports and publications are available regarding legislative operations and elections issues in Nevada, including reports mandated by statute and published by the LCB.

STATUTORY REPORTS

The Legislature requires various State and local entities to provide reports to the Legislature, Legislative Commission, Interim Finance Committee (NRS [218E.400](#)), and other legislative committees, including legislative operations and elections-related reports. A list of these reports submitted to date for the 2023–2025 Biennium is available [here](#). A complete list of these reports for the 2021–2023 Biennium is available [here](#).

The Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing, commonly known as the “Nevada Public Purchasing Study Commission,” must submit a written report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee

on Legislative Operations and Elections on or before July 1 of each even-numbered year that includes any recommendations of the Commission for legislation relating to governmental purchasing (NRS [332.215](#)). The Commission's report from 2022 is available [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU PUBLICATIONS

The LCB's Research Division prepares reports on many major policy areas. These publications are available online at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/publications/index.cfm>. Paper copies are available upon request. (See below for Research Division contact information).

General resources of interest from the Division include:

- [Summary of Legislation \(2023\)](#);
- [The Guide to the Nevada Legislature 2023–2024](#); and
- [Demographic Profiles of Nevada Senate and Assembly Districts](#).

Recently published resources relating to elections include [How to Register to Vote in Nevada](#) and [How to Vote in Nevada](#). The Division also plans to prepare publications and materials relating to the upcoming 2024 election cycle, including a list of Nevada legislative candidates for the 2024 Primary Election and an informational pamphlet on the canvassing process for elections.

STAFF SERVICES

The following LCB staff members will provide support for the Committee during the 2023–2024 Interim:

RESEARCH DIVISION (775-684-6825)

- Haley Proehl, Senior Policy Analyst/GIS Specialist
- Nicolas C. Anthony, Research Director
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- Tara Zimmerman, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel
- Asher Killian, Legislative Counsel

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- Jaimarie Mangoba, Principal Program Analyst

RESEARCH DIVISION ASSISTANCE

The Research Division is available to assist the Committee and its members on any issue related to matters before the Committee. In addition, staff provides individual members of the Legislature with information and assistance, on a confidential basis, on any topic. Please contact the Research Division by phone (775-684-6825) or email (research@lcb.state.nv.us).

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